



South Dakota Athletic Commission

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South Dakota Athletic Commission
Board Meeting
Kniep Building Conference Room #3, Pierre, SD
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Secretary of Labor and Regulation Pam Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:30pm (central).

Present: Dr. Richard Little, Dr. Michael Bergeron, Michael Kilmer, Lee Lohff, Margaret Gillespie, Marcia Hultman, Amber Mulder, and Jennifer Stalley.

Secretary Roberts provided a brief overview of the Commission's charge and introduced Jennifer Stalley as the Commission's Executive Director and Amber Mulder as the Commission's Counsel. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

Stalley provided an overview of the Commission's role and responsibilities. Mulder addressed the authority granted to the Commission by Senate Bill 84. Mulder also noted the areas where Senate Bill 84 failed to grant the Commission authority necessary to address certain items through rulemaking authority or statutory authority. Specifically, Mulder informed the Commission of its lack of authority to adopt rules to govern events beyond the Uniform Rules of Boxing and the Uniform Rules of Mixed Martial Arts published by the Association of Boxing Commission; the lack of authority to set licensing criteria for competitors, promoters, managers, judges, timekeepers, cornerpersons, knockdown counters, matchmakers, referees and other participants; the lack of authority to set criteria for events; the lack of authority to discipline not licensed participants or events, and the lack of statutory authority for certain administrative actions of the Commission.

The Commission discussed options for addressing the noted deficiencies in authority. Following discussion, the Commission recommended submitting legislation for consideration in 2014 to:

- 1) Expand rulemaking authority to allow the Commission the flexibility to add or subtract from the Uniform Rules of the American Boxing Commission in setting the rules to govern competitions;
- 2) Expand rulemaking authority to allow the Commission the authority to set licensing criteria for athletes, promoters, necessary officials to conduct the events, other participants and the competitive events;
- 3) Require the Commission to have liability insurance for the Commission and the Commissioners in anticipation that the PEPL fund may not cover the Commission;
- 4) Provide remedies for the Commission in the event a non-licensed athlete, promoter, or official competed in/or a non-licensed event is held;

- 5) Make improvements to SDCL 42-12-13 to prevent the exemption for amateur events to be used as a loophole by providing a clearer definition of amateur events; and
- 6) Provide the necessary administrative framework for the Commission to operate and act as a Commission.

The Commission further recommended not pursuing any rulemaking until the consideration of this legislation. The Commission instructed Stalley to draft legislation consistent with the recommendations.

Stalley asked for any public testimony during the public forum. There was no public testimony.

There being no further business before the Commission, the Commission adjourned at 2:30pm (central).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stalley
Executive Director